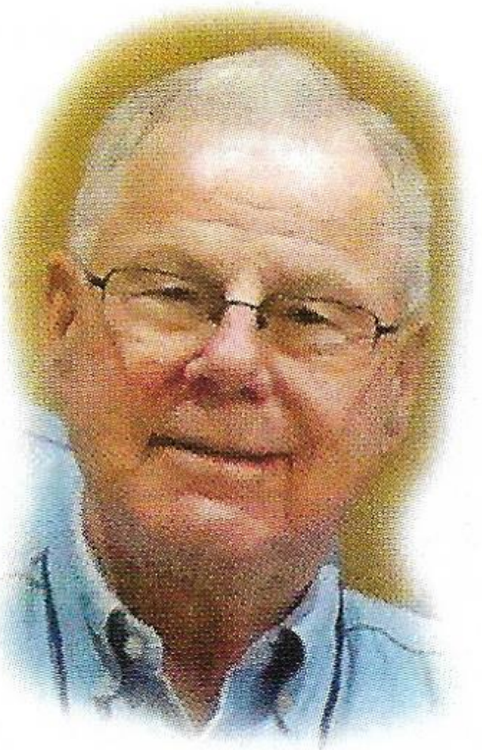
Bob Hamm, MMR®



Bob has been involved in NMRA model contests for many years. During that time, he entered models in both National contests and those of his home Region, the NER. Ultimately, he was appointed the Northeastern Region Model Contest Chairman. He earned his MMR® in 2004. In 2006, he was appointed Deputy Chair of the National Contest Committee, and he became its Chairman in 2007.

During his tenure, Bob found ways to improve an already good event. He tweaked the entrance forms, making them more helpful to both entrants and judges. He created and presented three clinics concerning the national contest: one for judging, one for entrants, and one all about filling out contest entry forms. Bob also introduced two new judging categories: Kit-Built and Scratch-Built. But probably his most important innovation was to expand beyond a purely technically judged contest to include a Popular Vote event and a non-judged Model Showcase. In so doing, Bob's vision of transitioning from a "Contest Room" to a "Celebration of Models and Crafts" was complete.

From all of us on the Contest Committee, congratulations, Bob, on your well-deserved retirement!